

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
WATER QUALITY STUDY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of Water Quality Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments in the Looney Creek watershed. The Looney Creek watershed includes Mill Creek and Back Creek in Botetourt County. Water quality monitoring indicates that bacteria levels in portions of the watershed violate Virginia's water quality standards. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2004 and is available on DEQ's website at [www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDL](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDL). The IP will identify ways to meet the pollution reductions outlined in the TMDL study.

The public meeting to begin the development of the IP for the Looney Creek watershed will be held on:

**Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 7:00pm**

**Buchanan Elementary School**

**225 Schoolhouse Road**

**Buchanan, Virginia**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed reductions in bacteria needed in the Looney Creek watershed and to solicit public participation for the IP development.

The IP will include the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IP will also provide measurable goals and a timeline of

expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request.

How to comment: The public comment period on the IP will end on January 7, 2007. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Ericson. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to:

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